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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL DRUG ABUSE POLICY: DOGOLOFF TEAM VISIT

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1. EMBASSY FORESEES NO SCHEDULING PROBLEM WITH PROPOSED VISIT BY DOGOLOFF TEAM TO COPENHAGEN, ALTHOUGH DANISH HOLIDAY ON JUNE 5 (AND AMERICAN HOLIDAY ON MAY 29 SHOULD BE AVOIDED. DR H.E.KNIP-SCHILDT, COPENHAGEN'S CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER AND CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE ON ALCOHOLISM AND NARCOTICS PROBLEMS, IS LIKELY PRINCIPAL POINT OF CONTACT WITH DANISH GOVERNMENT, ALTHOUGH THE ELEMENTS INVOLVED IN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF NARCOTICS (ENFORCEMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE) ARE NOT UNDER HIS DIRECT SUPERVISION. APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS WILL BE MADE WHEN TEAM'S SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE.

2. THE DANES HAVE ALREADY DEVELOPED A COHESIVE STRATEGY FOR COMBATting NARCOTICS ABUSE. THEY HAVE RECEIVED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING IN ENFORCEMENT THROUGH DEA, WHILE HEALTH AND EDUCATION AUTHORITIES HAVE ESTABLISHED DIRECT PERSONAL LIAISON WITH AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS. NEVERTHELESS, IT SHOULD PROVE USEFUL FOR TEAM MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH INTERESTED TOP LEVEL
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DANES.

3. WHILE DANISH FOREIGN ASSISTANCE IS WELL ESTABLISHED, AID ESPECIALLY DIRECTED AT NARCOTICS PRODUCING AREAS HAS ONLY RECENTLY COME TO THE FORE, IN THE FORM OF A GRANT THROUGH UNFAC TO THE BADAQSHAN REGION OF AFGHANISTAN. A CANDID DISCUSSION OF AID'S ROLE IN NARCOTICS-PRODUCING COUNTRIES HELP PROVE OF INTEREST TO

THE DANES, AND MAY STIMULATE FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS.

4. THE DANES SHARE WITH THEIR NORDIC NEIGHBORS A FEAR OF INCREASED DRUG ABUSE. THEY ARE CONCERNED WITH THE THREAT OF NARCOTICS FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA AND ARE INTERESTED IN INCREASED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BOTH TO INHIBIT TRAFFICKING AND TO RESTRICT THE SOURCES OF NARCOTICS. THE DANES ARE IN GENERAL ACCORD WITH US PERCEPTIONS OF NARCOTIC PROBLEMS, AND CLOSE MISSION CONTACT WITH THE DANES HAS INSURED CONTINUOUS DANISH AWARENESS OF INTERNATIONAL PARAMETERS OF NARCOTICS PROBLEM.

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